Short Circuits

TARC Newsletter
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Club Call - K4KSC

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Next meeting Tuesday July 26th at 7:00 PM
Titusville Public Library 2121 S. Hopkins Ave behind Titusville High School

The President's Page

The Technician / General Class as taught by Stephanie K4MVO has yielded another bumper crop of new and upgrading licensees. The dual Tech/Gen Class was held at the North Brevard Library and was well attended by both students as well as supporters from our club. New members to our fraternity include seven new Technicians.

We all extend our congratulations to our new hams Eric Harrs KC0OUY, Mary Harrs KC0OUZ, Azenithar Leonard KI4KLH, Jerry Leonard KI4KLI, Catherine Leonard KI4KLJ, Jerry Malm KI4KLK and Stephanie Mckiness KI4KJK. Up grading to General was Timothy Schoch KG4JIP. Additional credit to Stephanie's class is that Ray KI4JVT upgraded to General and Charles KI4GMH is 99% ready to take the exam.

To Stephanie K4MVO and all the TARC members who faithfully attended the classes, rendered assistance and encouragement to the students we once again say thanks.

Ozzie N4SCY has taken the log sheets from our Field Day activities and is preparing the results for submittal to the ARRL.

Our club was honored to have our city of Titusville Mayor Ron Swank KB4DCZ to visit our Field Day site and appreciated the kind words he had for this club's efforts in the EOC program.

In addition to our Mayor being officially invited to visit our FD site, Mr. Tom Harmer, Titusville City Manager was extended the same invitation. Mr. Harmer responded by letter thanking the club for the invitation but advised that due to previous commitments he would be unable to attend the EOC training at the FD site.

President's Page Con't

Our condolences are extended to the family of Pixie Hunter. Pixie's husband Bruce KB4ETY is a long time member of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club. Pixie a loving wife to Bruce and mother to her children passed away earlier this month. Our prayers go out to the family and friends.

Mark your calendar July 26,2005 and plan to attend the next TARC club meeting. John K1KSC will present IRLP communications. You will find this to be very informative and you do not want to miss this one.

The meeting site will again be at the North Brevard Library on South Hopkins just South of the Titusville High School. Come bring a friend.

73s and 88s Bud K4CWG

The Vice Squad By Jose` Ramos KC4VIO TARC Vice President

Hello once again fellow Hams. You can now fly in complete confidence knowing that aircraft pilots have ways to get you back to earth safely with their navigation aids. During the June meeting our own Captain Bob, W4YBI, revealed the secrets of how pilots bring us back after hours of flying to the right airport in most cases. Bob's video presentation was great and gave us the opportunity to see him at his best and with hair no less.

CaroleAnn, KC4VIN, Power Point presentation about our Return to Flight activity at KARS Park demonstrated how TARC members work and have fun when we get together. Technical difficulties omitted the audio part of the presentation but did not take away the hard work of her efforts.

Are you ready for more? Do not miss the July 26 meeting. Our next mystery guest speakers will bring to you the latest information about the Internet Radio Link Project (IRLP).

You will be amazed about the communications opportunities this system brings you. See you there and by all means bring someone along.

P. S. Our second annual auction will take place during the August meeting. You may donate items to be auctioned or have items auctioned on your behalf and make a donation to the club of your proceeds.

Either way is going to be a lot of fun and there is no telling what bargains you may end up taking home.

See 'ya, KC4VIO, José

Abell's Anecdotes By Pike Abell W4EPU

Yet another WW-II story. Last month, as you may recall, I wrote about the Japanese bombing of Dutch Harbor, in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. I told about our losses, but neglected to report on the Japanese losses.

In comparison, it first appeared that they made out quite well. They only lost a couple of aircraft

Abell's Anecdotes, Cont.

by our anti-aircraft fire and one or two others reportedly crashed at sea on the way to or from their carriers. But, most significantly, one Zero fighter aircraft ran out of gas and crash landed in a tundra field on an adjacent island.

The wheels buried in the tundra and the plane flipped over, killing the pilot but caused minimal damage to the aircraft. (Tundra is a mat of weeds and above ground roots, up to two feet deep. It looks smooth from the air, but in most cases, it will not even hold up the weight of a man.) The recovery of that Zero fighter resulted in saving the lives of many U.S. fighter pilots during the remaining three years of the war.

The Zero fighter was crated up and shipped back to the States, (Alaska was not a State at that time.) The U. S. Air Force repaired, test flew and evaluated that Zero fighter. A lot was learned about its flight speed, maneuverability, etc.

It was determined that the engine was much too large and powerful for that relatively small aircraft. The engine had so much torque that the aircraft could not bank sharply to the left. That bit of information alone gave our fighter aircraft superiority in the air. I shall explain:
When a Zero fighter got "on the tail" of a U.S. fighter aircraft, the U. S. pilot would simply bank to the left and immediately lose the Zero fighter.

With that I will forthwith, refrain from telling any more WW-II stories. Well, for awhile anyway. All of the above happened some 60 years ago, which I remember as if it just happened. Why is it that, sometimes, I can't remember what happened yesterday?

73 es 88s Pike

EMERGENCY CALL ON .91

Paul K4WPW and Ray KI4JVT used the 146.91 repeater on the morning of July 19th to relay a 911 call for an accident on Interstate 95. Paul saw the blue sedan skid into the ditch and sounded the alarm. Ray called 911 and relayed the information. Way to go guys!!!

JULY MINUTES By KF4HTB Becky Lee

After the opening ceremonies of Pledge, moment of silence and introduction of guests and members, President Bud Hughes K4CWG turned the meeting over to V. P. Jose Ramos KC4VIO who introduced Bob Farrington W4YBI who explained – and showed slides – of an array of flight directional equipment used through the years. After Bob's presentation, Carol KC4VIN showed pictures (with her own innovative titles) of TARC's booth and other interesting things at NASA Return to Flight Day. Then John K1KSC talked about a possible conflict between amateur television operations and the new frequency to be used by range safety during upcoming launches. Jose reminded members that the August meeting will be the annual auction, and to start getting their surplus items together for this sale. After the refreshment period, the meeting was adjourned.

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TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning balance 1/1/05	$2894.35
Deposits in 2005	2648.39
Total Income	$5542.74
YTD Expenditures	-1898.22
Balance as at 6/30/05	$3644.52

Passing the torch

This letter to the editor gives us new insight into the legacy of amateur radio.

Greetings. I happened to do a random search for my late father's old call sign, K4KSC and it appears y'all have it now.

I don't mean to bore you but thought you might be interested to know the previous owner was R. Scott Chamberlain and lived in Lexington KY. He passed away in 1993, at age 60, while skiing. He was an Extra class operator and had the license before I was born (in 1961). I'm in Portland, OR now so I don't have access to when he first got the license but I believe it was in the early 50's. He traveled to Florida in the mid-80's through early 90's as the franchise construction director for Long John Silvers seafood shoppes. He may well have been in Brevard County a number of times.

My grandfather and uncle continue as hams though I never picked it up. I considered scrambling to upgrade my nascent Novice license when Dad died, to get the call sign, but couldn't get it together. I have fond memories of listening to him talk when I was little with "Hello CQ, hello CQ this is K4KSC. K4, king, sugar, Charlie".

His 92 year old father, Russ Chamberlain, W4KOX, lives in Middletown, (Louisville) KY. His brother Eric Chamberlain, KB4HQS, lives there as well.

I think it's cool that a club got the sign rather than an individual. Take good care of the license, my dad had it for 40+ years. ☺

Russell Chamberlain